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Inventor:	FAN et al.	Examiner:	R. M. Dewitty
Appln. No.:	09/739,406	Group Art	
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Title:	CHITOSAN AND METHOD OF PREPARING CHITOSAN		

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

I hereby certify that this document is being sent via First Class U.S. mail addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 this day of April 24, 2003.

Khristina Norman

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 24, 2003, Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The Amendment is arranged as follows:

- Page 1 is the amended claim in clean form;
- Pages 2-5 contain the remarks in response to the Office Action; and
- Page 6 contains the marked-up version of the claim to be amended, as specified below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 7 as indicated herein.

CLEAN COPY OF CLAIM 7

7. (Amended) A chitosan containing material derived from fungal biomass, the chitosan containing material having:
greater than 85 percent deacetylation of N-acetyl groups in the chitin, and not including material from phyto-plankton, crustaceans, or mollusks.